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PATENT

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

HIDEKI ZAITSU

Application No.: 10/666,000

Filed: September 17, 2003

For: MAGNETIC READ/WRITE
APPARATUS HAVING A
WRITE INHIBIT SLICE
SETTING CIRCUIT (as
previously amended)

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No.: 6604

Examiner: Varsha A. Kapadia

Technology Center/Art Unit: 2651

RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION (RCE)

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Sir:

Accompanying the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, and in response to the Office Action including final rejection mailed August 24, 2006, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.